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COTTON PROGRESS AHEAD OF FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

As of September 3, **Cotton** bolls opening remains ahead of last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** was reported as 74 percent of bolls open, compared to 54 percent last year and 72 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 22 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest activity increased slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 46 percent not being harvested, 4 percent light, 24 percent moderate, and 26 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 13 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 18 percent very poor, 35 percent poor, 34 percent fair, and 13 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in poor to fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short to

adequate. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Temperatures throughout the State were below average for the week of September 2. Temperatures ranged from 1 degrees below normal at Willcox to 7 degrees below normal at Gila Bend and Kingman. The highest temperature of the week was 99 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 38 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at fifteen stations. Precipitation ranged from .13 inches at Coolidge to 2.03 inches at Grand Canyon with three stations reporting no precipitation.

Producers in western Arizona shipped watermelons last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	72	-2	94	48	0.55	4.52	6.14
Casa Grande	87	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	2.19	5.78
Coolidge	86	-5	99	60	0.13	2.87	5.33
Douglas	76	-3	91	55	1.34	8.48	9.06
Flagstaff	62	-4	74	40	0.67	9.72	14.97
Gila Bend	90	-7	98	67	0.57	3.11	4.17
Grand Canyon	62	-2	94	38	2.03	10.83	10.44
Kingman	78	-7	84	54	1.18	4.36	6.64
Parker	90	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	2.67
Payson	71	-4	85	48	1.95	11.59	14.30
Phoenix	90	-6	97	71	0.15	4.19	4.55
Prescott Airport	70	-5	79	49	0.76	8.10	9.76
Safford Ag Center	78	-2	97	57	1.47	4.52	5.89
Tucson	83	-4	95	64	0.57	6.03	7.65
Willcox	75	-1	91	54	0.33	5.87	8.51
Winslow	73	-4	89	47	0.48	3.04	5.06
Yuma	91	-5	98	70	0.44	0.74	1.91

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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